

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph on page 1, lines 3-5, as follows:

This application is a ~~divisional~~ continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 09/567,202, filed May 8, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,365,797; which is a divisional of U.S. Serial No. 08/951,143, filed October 15, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 6,107,540; which is a CIP of U.S. Serial No. 08/732,676, filed October 15, 1996, now abandoned. ~~which~~ The foregoing applications are incorporated herein by reference.

Please insert the following heading and paragraph on page 1 following line 10 before "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION":

STATEMENT AS TO RIGHTS TO INVENTIONS MADE UNDER
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This invention was made with Government support under Grant No. GM-08243, awarded by the National Institutes of Health. The Government has certain rights in this invention.